



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA RELEASE

EMBARGO: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 10 MAY 2023

SUBJECT: KZN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND PUBLIC WORKS MEC TO OFFICIATE AT AN IMPLEMENTATION PROTOCOL SIGNING CEREMONY WITH ACCREDITED MUNICIPALITIES AND THE LAUNCH OF EMPANGENI CATALYTIC MEGA HOUSING PROJECT IN UMHLATHUZE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

ENQUIRIES: MLUNGISI KHUMALO

EMPANGENI – As part of the accelerated sustained delivery of housing opportunities, the MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba will this coming **Friday 12 May 2023** officiate at the launch of a mega catalytic housing project known as Empangeni Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP).

Prior to the launch of the mega housing project, the Human Settlements and Public Works MEC will host a signing ceremony during which seven accredited municipalities in the Province will enter into an Implementation Protocol agreement with the Provincial Human Settlements Department in relation to the provisioning of human settlements within the seven Accredited Municipalities.

These municipalities are eThekwinii Municipality, Msunduzi Local Municipality, KwaDukuza Local Municipality, Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality, Alfred Duma Local Municipality, Newcastle Local Municipality and the event host City of uMhlatuze Local Municipality.

Between the seven high-capacity municipalities they enjoy Level One and Level Two Accreditation Statuses in their Developer Status roles in housing provision.

Meanwhile, the Empangeni IRDP mega catalytic project is set to radically alter the human settlements landscape of the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast economic giant municipality.

The IRDP is expected to yield almost 10 000 housing opportunities employing various policy instruments as the project is a mixed-use housing project consisting of different typologies including Breaking New Ground, First Home Finance (previously known as FLISP), Rental Stock and Serviced Sites.



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Already a lot of groundwork has been done in the form of major internal services installation within the Empangeni IRDP Project during the Phase One and Phase Two implementation of the Project.

This entails massive infrastructure for bulk water and sanitation as well as road network in the IRDP site near the Qalakabusha Correctional Centre on the outskirts of the Empangeni Central Business District on the road to Owen Sithole Agricultural College and further to Dondotha.

The Empangeni IRDP Project forms part of the Department's major mega catalytic housing projects presently under implementation across various Districts and Municipalities in the Province. Others are the Cornubia IRDP in eThekweni, the uMshwathi IRDP in uMgungundlovu District, JBC IRDP in Amajuba District.

Members of the media are invited to come and witness this huge housing development initiative.

The details of the Implementation Protocol Signing Ceremony event are as follows:

Date: Friday, 12 May 2023

Time: 10h00

Venue: Empangeni IRDP Project Site, Behind Qalakabusha Prison, uMhlathuze Local Municipality

The details of the Empangeni IRDP Catalytic Mega Housing Project Launch are as follows:

Date: Friday, 12 May 2023

Time: 12h00

Venue: Empangeni IRDP Project Site, Behind Qalakabusha Prison, uMhlathuze Local Municipality

Statement issued by the Office of the MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works

Mr Mlungisi Khumalo: 074 535 9794